

Module 1 - Introduction

ME3023 - Measurements in Mechanical Systems

Mechanical Engineering

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Topic 1 - General Measurement System

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- Welcome Back!
- Definition of a Measurement
- Measurement System Stages
- Examples in Mechanical Engineering

Welcome to New Video Topics

Welcome Back!

- Things are going to be different but we will still learn!
- These new outlines should help keep me/us on track.
- The material will be organized in ~ 10 min videos, and you can watch them at anytime.

Definition of a Measurement

“A **measurement** is

Text: Theory and Design of Mech. Meas.

Measurement System Stages

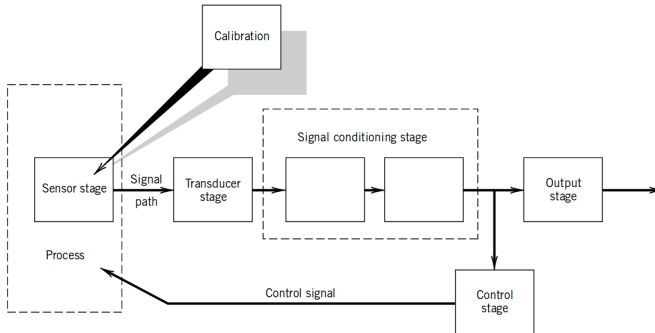


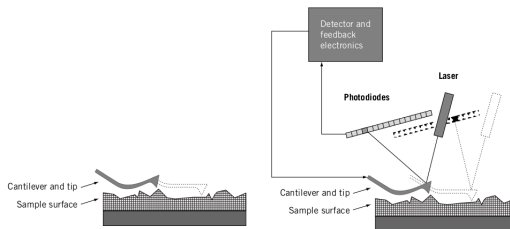
Figure 1.5 Components of a general measurement system.

Image: Theory and Design of Mech. Meas.

Sensor-Transducer Stage

a **sensor**,

...to sense the variable being measured

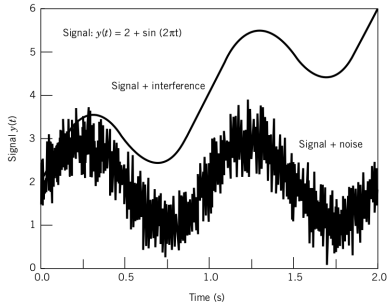


A **transducer**

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Signal Conditioning Stage

What is the the definition of **signal**?



- Filtering
- Amplification
- Attenuation
- Excitation
- Linearization
- Electrical Isolation
- Surge Protection

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Output Stage

The output stage

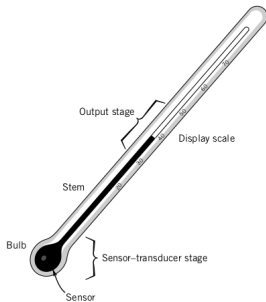


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Engineering Example

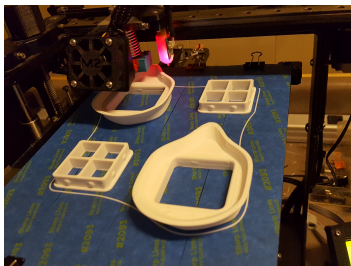
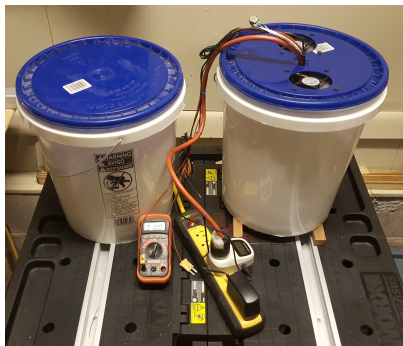


Image: T.Hill

3D printers (FDM) use PLA, ABS, PETG and other plastics which absorb moisture from the air over time causing adverse affects on part quality. This is particularly a problem in humid climates such the southeastern USA.

Engineering Example



Fortunately the *water-logged* plastic can be dehydrated for further use.

Inspect the DIY filament dryer shown and Identify each of the following measurement stages.

- Sensor - Transducer
- Signal Conditioning
- Output Stage
- Feedback Control ?